18 mills has to be decided. Cases of 17 of the closed mills found to be viable were under consideration of BIFR.

Nationalisation of Textile Industry

2037. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to nationalise the textiles industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Nationalisation does not provide solution to the problem of sickness. However, decisions are taken on merits of each mill keeping in view its viability and other relevant aspects.

Central Assistance for Improving Ground Water Level in Andhra Pradesh

2038. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) wheter it is a fact that the ground Water level is gradually going down in some parts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Central Government have any proposal to deploy experts so as to formulate schemes through which the ground water level can quickly be retrieved;

(c) whether Central Government are also considering to finance such ground water retrieval programme in the State; and

(d) if so, how much assistance has been given to Andhra Pradesh during 1989-90 for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Declines in ground water levels ranging from 0.03 m to 8.87 m. have been recorded in certain localised pockets of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) to (d) The matter is under consideration.

Grant of Special Central Assistance under Tribal area Sub-Plan for Minor Irrigation Works in Andhra Pradesh

2039. SHRI TALRI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how much special central assistance under tribal area sub-plan was contemplated to be given to Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period for minor irrigation works;

(b) how much amount has actually been allocated so far for this purpose; and

(c) how much special Central assistance is likely to be provided during the remaning period of the plan for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c) Funds have been allocated by the Central Government to Andhra Pradesh for the implementation of tribal area Sub-Plan including Minor Irribation. Sectorwise break-up of funds is not made. During first four years of VII Plan (1985-86 to 1988-89) Special Central assistance of Rs. 832.382 lakhs has been utilised for minor Irrigation works. An amount of Rs. 422.75 lakhs has been allocated for this purpose during 1989-90.

News-item Captioned "MP Demands Probe against UCO Bank"

2040. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item cap-

tioned "MP demands probe against UCO Bank" which appeared in Business Standard of 14th February; 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any inquiry has been ordered into the state of affairs of the said bank, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHDU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) Government have seen the news item under the caption "MP demands probe against UCO BANK" appearing in Business Standard of 14th February, 1990. The Press Report, *inter-alia* mentions about the alleged critical financial position of the banks.

As per the published annual accounts of the UCO Bank as at the end of March, 1989, the bank had earned a profit of Rs. 573 lakhs. Besidhes, there was improvement in the major areas of operations of the bank. The bank's aggregate deposits in India which stood at Rs. 3129 crores as at the end of December, 1986 rose to Rs. 4982 crores as at the end of March, 1989. Similarly, the net domestic credit of the bank which was Rs. 1724 crores as at the end of December, 1986 increased to Rs. 2663 crores as at the end of March, 1989.

The operations of public sector banks are continually reviewed by the Government and the Reserve Bank of India. R.B.I. has recently conducted annual financial review of the bank. The financial position of the bank has also been periodically reviewed by Governor, Reserve Bank of India during the Action Plan meetings.

इस्पात पर अत्यधिक लेवी

2041. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**

सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा:

क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 22 जनवरी, 1990 के "डेक्कन हेराल्ड" में "माल्टीपल लेवीज मेक स्टील कोस्टली; सी०ई०आई० स्टडी" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित हुए समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि सरकारी करों के कारण इस्पात के मूल्यों में भारी वृद्धि हुई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उत्पादन, परिवहन प्रशासनिक व्यय और सरकारी व्यय की अलग-अलग लागत के संबंध में इसका अनुमानित प्रतिशत कितना है ?

वाणिज्य और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री अरुण कुमार नेहरू) :(क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) मुख्य उत्पादकों द्वारा उत्पादित कुछ मदों के मूल्यों को संयुक्त संयंत्र समिति जो उत्पादनों की एक संस्था है, द्वारा समय-समय पर संशोधित किया जाता है, ताकि कोयले, बिजली, रेल-भाड़े आदि जैसे आदानों की लागत में हुई वृद्धि को निष्प्रभावित किया जा सके । उत्पाद-शुल्क की दरों में संशोधन से भी अन्तिम मूल्य प्रभावित होते हैं । 1989 के दौरान मूल्यों में तीन बार वृद्धि की गई। यह वृद्धि जनवरी 89 में औसतन 7.6 प्रतिशत लागत - वृद्धि के कारण मार्च, 1989 में 2.1 प्रतिशत उत्पाद शुल्क में वृद्धि के कारण तथा रेल-भाड़े में वृद्धि के कारण 1.5 प्रतिशत की गई । संयुक्त संयंत्र समिति द्वारा घोषित लोहे और इस्पात मदों के विक्रय मूल्य इन लागतों के अलावा भाड़ा एकीकरण और इस्पात विकास निधि जैसी लेवी पर भी निर्भर करते हैं । ये उत्पादन लागत से संबंधित नहीं होते अपितु उपभोक्ताओं और मुख्य उत्पादकों की आवश्यकताओं पर निर्भर करते हैं ।